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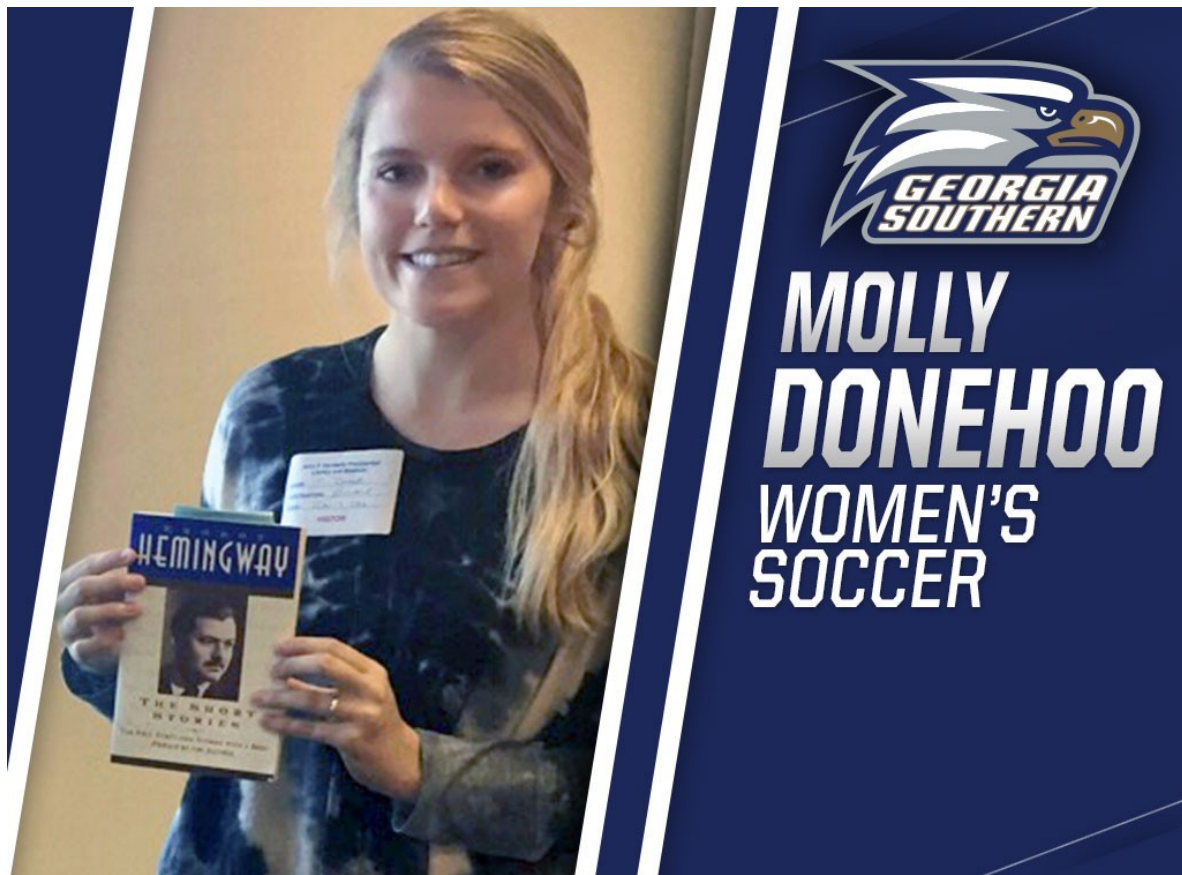
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Molly Donehoo studies Hemmingway archives at Kennedy Presidential Library

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STATESBORO, Ga. – Former Georgia Southern Women's Soccer student-athlete [Molly Donehoo](#) made a special trip over winter break thanks to the support of the Georgia Southern College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), the University's Student Government Association and the George K. Brannen English Scholars Fund.

For Donehoo, a former member of the Women's Soccer team and a senior English major, it all started with a roadblock. A native of Clarkston, Ga., Donehoo wanted to see the Ernest Hemingway Collection to learn more about his writing process and to explore his thoughts on games, specifically pool, which was to be the focus of her Senior Seminar paper. Donehoo thought this would be an easy enough task. Though the collection resides in the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston, it is custom for the presidential libraries to ship collections to other presidential libraries to further scholarly work.

She requested the collection of papers and artwork, which was retrieved by Mary Hemingway in the height of the Cold War from their former home in Cuba, be sent to the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. The Library is located about 10 miles from her home, and over the winter break she could make the short drive each day to conduct her research.

However, the plan hit a snag as the Hemingway archives had lost its curator and could not ship to other libraries. Not one to just give up, Donehoo's professor Olivia Carr Edenfield, Ph.D. suggested, "Why not go to Boston?"

Donehoo was floored, "I did not even know that was an option." It was an option though not a cheap one. Edenfield helped her and two other students, Megan M. Flanery and Hunter Walsh, apply for funds through the George K. Brannen English Scholars Fund and Georgia Southern University's Student Government Association for the trip. They were grateful to receive the funds, but they were insufficient to cover the full cost of both trips. Thankfully Curtis Ricker, Dean of CLASS, stepped in and the College picked up the remainder of the cost; the three students were on their way up the East Coast.

For Donehoo the opportunity to see Hemingway's drafts and writing process gave her new insight into her favorite novel, A Farewell to Arms, and the opportunity to see how he expanded in every draft his initial mere mention of playing pool in the short story "Soldier's Home." This rare opportunity for undergraduate students had a great impact on all three of Edenfield's students.

"I saw an energy and passion for their work when they came back from their trips. I know they are excited to share their findings with other students," Edenfield said.

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